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1. NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN ALGIERS WAS AN EVENT UNTO ITSELF. IT IS HARD TO IMAGINE ANOTHER SUCH EVENT WHICH COULD SO TIE UP THIS CITY.

2. GOA PLANNING TO HOST MEDITERRANEAN GAMES IN NEW ALGIERS OLYMPIC COMPLEX WHICH IS ON FAR SIDE OF CITY FROM FAIR GROUNDS. PRESENT PLANS ARE TO HOLD MEDITERRANEAN GAMES AUGUST 22 THROUGH SEPTEMBER5. THE SEPT. DATE IS ABOUT THE BEGINNING OF RAMADAN. GOA HAS NOT SET DATE FOR 1975. ALGIERS FAIR, WUT WILL TRY TO AVOID RAMADAN, THUS, WE EXPECT FAIR TO RUN LAST TWO WEEKS OF AUGUST AND VERY EARLY SEPTEMBER.

3. USINT CHECKED WITH SONATMAG AND THEY DO NOT FORESEE MEDITERRANEAN GAMES CREATING TROUBLES FOR FAIR. HOWEVER, GAMES WILL MAKE HOTELS AND CAR RENTALS SCARCE UNLESS RESERVATIONS MADE WLL IN ADVANCE. HOTEL SITUATION IN ALGIERS PROPER SHOULD BE HELPED BY
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NEW AURAISE HOTEL BEING USABLE BY THEN.

4. IN SUMMARY, MEDITERRANEAN GAMES AND RAMADAN WILL
MAKE USUAL ALGIERS SCARCITIES TIGHTER, BUT SHOULD NOT
EFFECT 1975 ALGIERS FAIR IN SAME FASHION AS NON-ALIGNED
CONFERENCE. USINT BELIEVES PARTICIPATION IN FAIR
USEFUL AND WORTH DIFFICULTIES INHERENT TO WORK IN
ALGIERS. THERE WILL ALWAYS BE CONFLICTS IN SCHEDULES
IN THIS TOO BUSY CITY.SIMPSON

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